

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Atty. Docket No. WAS0813PUSA
First Named Inventor Willibald Dafinger et al.

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR RECOVERY OF ETHYLENE IN A RECIRCULATING GAS PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF VINYL ACETATE

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto; or
☒ was filed on March 31, 2005 as U.S. Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/EP2005/003388, and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ (if applicable). (I hereby authorize my attorney to insert the application filing date and number when they become known.)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

| <i>Prior Foreign Application Number(s)</i> | <i>Country</i> | <i>Foreign Priority Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</i> | <i>Priority Not Claimed</i> | <i>Certified Copy Attached? (Yes/No)</i> |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

| <i>Application Number(s)</i> | <i>Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</i> |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112.

| <i>Application Number(s)</i> | <i>Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</i> | <i>Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned</i> |
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